

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 4-10 and 14-18 were withdrawn previously. Claims 2, 12, and 20 were canceled.

Claims 1, 11, and 19 have been amended.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fish tape, comprising:

~~an end portion; and~~

a longitudinal portion comprising ~~an~~ a circular outer diameter, wherein the circular outer diameter ranges from about 0.1875 inches to about 0.375 inches; defining a substantially cylindrical shape along a ~~the~~ longitudinal portion of the fish tape, wherein the substantially cylindrical shape comprises a plurality of spiral grooves defined along the circular outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion; and

an end portion comprising a spiral groove extending from the end portion partially along the longitudinal portion, wherein the spiral groove provides one or more mechanisms for attachment.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The fish tape of claim 1, wherein the fish tape is constructed of a material selected from the group consisting of steel, stainless steel, carbon steel, and plastic.

4. (Withdrawn) The fish tape of claim 1, wherein the outer diameter further comprises a plurality of facets about the outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

5. (Withdrawn) The fish tape of claim 1, wherein the outer diameter defines an ellipsoidal shape defining a substantially oval diameter.

6. (Withdrawn) The fish tape of claim 1, further comprising a spiral groove defined along the outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

7. (Withdrawn) The fish tape of claim 1, further comprising at least one notch about the diameter, and a plurality of the notches along the longitudinal portion forming a repeating pattern along the longitudinal portion

8. (Withdrawn) The fish tape, of claim 7, wherein the outer diameter comprises notches spaced apart about the diameter, and wherein a plurality of the spaced apart notches form a repeating pattern along the longitudinal portion.

9. (Withdrawn) The fish tape of claim 1, further comprising a corrugation defining an alternating groove and a ridge extending about the diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

10. (Withdrawn) The fish tape of claim 9, wherein the outer diameter comprises corrugations spaced apart about the diameter.

11. (Currently Amended) A fish tape device, comprising:
a fish tape comprising ~~an end portion and~~
a longitudinal portion comprising ~~an~~ a circular outer diameter, wherein the circular outer diameter ranges from about 0.1875 inches to about 0.375 inches; defining a substantially cylindrical shape along a the longitudinal portion of the fish tape, wherein the substantially cylindrical shape comprises a plurality of spiral grooves defined along the circular outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion; and
an end portion ~~and~~ comprising a spiral groove extending from the end portion partially along the longitudinal portion, wherein the spiral groove provides one or more mechanisms for attachment; and
a reel assembly for receiving the fish tape.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the fish tape is constructed of a material selected from the group consisting of steel, stainless steel, carbon steel, and plastic.

14. (Withdrawn) The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the outer diameter of the fish tape further comprises a plurality of facets about the outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

15. (Withdrawn) The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the outer diameter of the fish tape defines an ellipsoidal shape defining a substantially oval outer diameter.

16. (Withdrawn) The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the fish tape further comprises a spiral groove defined along the outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

17. (Withdrawn) The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the fish tape device further comprises a plurality of notches about the diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion, and wherein the plurality of notches form a repeating pattern along the longitudinal portion.

18. (Withdrawn) The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the fish tape further comprises a plurality of corrugations defining a plurality of alternating grooves and ridges extending about the diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

19. (Currently Amended) A fish tape, comprising:

~~an end portion;~~

a longitudinal portion comprising ~~an~~ a circular outer diameter, defining a substantially cylindrical shape along a the longitudinal portion of the fish tape, wherein the substantially cylindrical shape comprises a plurality of spiral grooves defined along the circular outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion; and

an end portion comprising a spiral groove extending from the end portion partially along the longitudinal portion, wherein the spiral groove provides one or more mechanisms for attachment; and

means for flexing the fish tape.

20. (Canceled).